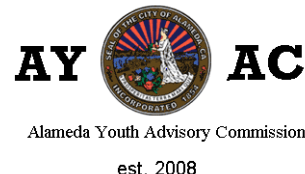




**MINUTES OF  
ALAMEDA YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING FOR MAY 13, 2008**



**DATE:** Tuesday, May 13, 2008  
**TIME:** 5:05 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Room 360, City Hall, corner of Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street,  
Alameda, CA 94501\_\_\_\_

**1. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chair Ben Ulrey, Hannah Bowman, Ilya Pinsky, Anjuli Sastry, Bhaani Singh, Priscilla Szeto

(Lamont Carter, Jordan Flores - Late)

**Absent:** Commissioner Michelle Blackman, Vice-Chair Vincent Morgado, Angela Sterling-Vick

**Staff:** Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor (RS)  
Andy Wong, Teen Coordinator (TC)

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of April 22, 2008, Youth Advisory Commission Meeting

**M/S/C**            **Ulrey / Sastry**                    **(Unanimously approved)**

**“That the Minutes of April 22, 2008 Youth Advisory Commission Meeting are approved.”**

**3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA**

Audrey Lord-Hausman, Alameda Collaborative for Children Youth and Families (ACCYF) invited the Youth Commission to attend the Season for Nonviolence Speech Contest on Sunday, May 18, at the Alameda Free Library, from 1:00 PM through 3:30 PM.

**4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**5. New Business**

**A. Subcommittee Report:**

## **1. Meet your Public Officials” Event (Discussion)**

Commissioner Sastry stated she had met many people; city and county officials, judges, Connie Rux, (Alameda Journal). The Alameda Journal is interested in writing an article about the Youth Commission. Chair Ulrey stated the event was a great opportunity to meet people in government.

## **2. Logo Design (Discussion / Action Item)**

**M/S/C                      Ulrey / Singh                      (Unanimously approved)**

**“That to vote for the top two logos from the four, and each Commissioner has two votes for the top two logos, and one final vote from the top one.”**

Logo B was selected as the Alameda Youth Commission Logo with five votes.

## **3. Library Service (Teens) Focus Group - (Discussion / Action Item)**

Commissioner Singh reported that Jane Chisaki, Library Director, and the library consultant informed the focus group of current activities for middle and high school students. Services included free internet access and use, online homework help, also a Nintendo Wii is available for special events/scheduled activities at the main library. West End branch library services includes internet access.

## **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Teen Needs Assessment Survey - (Discussion / Action Item)**

Commissioner Pinsky stated that the information included in the Teen Needs Survey should include: College Faire, Job Faire and Voting Faire (youth/18+ years, voter registration). RS Russi stated that the survey is a great idea. RS Russi and Audrey Lord-Hausman wanted to know how teens will be getting the information. Also, how to inform and how to target Teens. RS Russi suggested putting 5-7 items on the survey and have teens rank them in order of importance. Then the Commission can address the top three. With the Youth Commission focusing on policies, maybe they can combine their focus with activities or events. The discussion also included school pride, events, high school sports, music, connecting with League of Women Voters and the report card on the School District. Commissioners Bowman and Sastry stated that easy access and one-stop is the key for teen focus. Commissioner Pinsky was asked by Lord-Hausman to bring sample surveys to the next meeting for review and discussion.

### **B. AC Transit – Youth Fares (Subcommittee Report) – (Discussion / Action Item)**

Commissioner Sastry stated John Knox White (Transportation Board), and Chris Peebles (Alameda County Transit, President of the Board of Directors) will be speaking later in the meeting.

John Knox White stated that the Alameda County Transit (AC Transit) Board will review and take comments on four different rate proposals to the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting at Oakland City Hall. Mr. Knox White stated the proposal # 4 will affect youth the least. The increase in fares are due to increased cost of fuel, operations, and health care. TC Wong stated that he contacted Oakland Youth Commission (OYC) to ask their position on the proposals. They did not reply.

Mr. Peeples stated that the Bay Area Transit System has several different technologies and tiers on their fare system. Most passengers are poor; 71 % of their riderships are locals; and they are very low income.

Commissioner Ulrey stated that the increase of \$28 for a monthly youth pass is a large jump compared to the current \$15. Mr. Peeples stated that the \$28 fee was the same fee in place until 2002. Background from Mr. Peeples - In 2002, AC Transit decided to reduce the price in hope of youth purchasing more youth passes and increase ridership. The plan did not work and AC Transit lost money.

Using hybrid buses and bio-deisel buses does not save AC transit that much money. Fares have not been raised since 2005. Since that time, operating costs have increased: Fuel up 48%, Cost if health care up 40%, pension up 57%.

Mr. Peeples stated that the Youth Commission can review the proposal and send a letter to the Board, or attend their meeting on May 21, 2008 and provide comments.

Commission Ulrey asked when the final decision will be made regarding the fee hike. Mr. Peeples stated that the final decision will be made on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and fee changes would be implemented in September 2008.

Mr. Peeples invited the Youth Commission to AC transit's Hydrogen Processing Plant. If they are interested arrangements can be made with John Knox White and staff.

### **C. By Laws Review (Discussion / Action Item)**

TC Wong stated that the City Attorney had reviewed and made suggestions on the drafted By Laws. Suggestions were worded in a legal format and have the same meaning as the prior draft.

**M/S/C                      Ulrey / Flores                      (Unanimously approved)**

**"That the By Laws of the Alameda Youth Advisory Commission are approved."**

## **7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL**

- A. TC Wong requested that the current Youth Commissioner to promote the vacancies on the Youth Advisory Commission for the upcoming year.

## **8. Next Meeting Date:**

**Tuesday, May 27, 2008; 5:00 PM**

## **9. Adjournment**

**7:00 p.m.**